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Via Electronic Filing

William F. Caton, Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation; WT Docket No. 01-309; RM-7658; Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid Compatible Telephones

Dear Mr. Caton:

The **Hearing Industries Association** ("HIA") made an oral presentation yesterday to Bruce Franca of the **Office of Engineering and Technology**. HIA was represented by: David E. Woodbury, Director of Government Relations for HIA; Greg Johnson, Chief Technology Officer of DAMAX International; and Peter Tannenwald and Loretta Garcia, Counsel to HIA.. A copy of HIA's previously-filed *ex parte* presentation, dated February 15, 2002, was handed to Mr. Franca.

Mr. Johnson demonstrated antennas, developed by DAMAX International, for wireless telephone handsets with directional characteristics that substantially reduce radio frequency radiation in the direction of the user's head and also do not have their signal blocked by the user's hand. These antennas can be provided as after-market products or can be built into new handsets. Mr. Johnson demonstrated, using both an oscilloscope and a hearing aid, how the reduced RF radiation significantly reduced audible interference to the hearing aid. The same directional characteristic reduces energy absorption by the user's body.

The attached document summarizes the presentation made during the meeting. Note that one page has been removed from this public copy. Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Rules, HIA hereby requests that the deleted page not be required to be placed in the public record, because it includes specific future product design information that is proprietary; and DAMAX International would be harmed if the material were released publicly at this early stage of its product development. The material in question is not necessary to the Commission's resolution of this rule making proceeding.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this meeting or the attachment.

Sincerely,

Loretta J. Garcia

cc: Mr. Bruce Franca, OET
Qualex International